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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Cynthia A. Harding, M.P.H.  
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SUBJECT: **COMMUNITY PREVENTION AND POPULATION HEALTH TASK FORCE**

On August 11, 2015, your Board approved the establishment of a Health Agency to integrate activities related to strategic priorities across the Department of Health Services (DHS), Department of Mental Health (DMH) and Department of Public Health (DPH). As part of the formation of a Health Agency, Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas made an amendment that created a Community Prevention and Population Health Task Force (Task Force) responsible for reporting to your Board on health, equity, and community well-being. The Department of Public Health is leading the effort to assemble this Task Force, comprised of up to 25 public health stakeholders. To ensure geographic diversity of the Task Force, each Supervisor appointed three individuals to represent their district. Community stakeholders were able to nominate themselves for the remaining 10 seats by submitting an application outlining their qualifications and interest in serving. This memo presents the names and affiliations of the 15 Board appointees and the 10 self-nominees recommended for Task Force membership.

Self-Nominee Selection Process

DPH widely distributed a self-nomination form to multiple stakeholders and public health coalitions via email and website postings from November 2015 through mid- January 2016. These outreach efforts yielded a pool of 70 public health stakeholders, 66 of whom had not been appointed by a Supervisor. To identify the best candidates among these 66 applicants, DPH formed a Nominating Committee consisting of three DPH staff members and three members from the academic and non-profit sectors.

The Nominating Committee reviewed background information provided by the 15 Board appointees to identify additional areas of expertise to be provided by the 10 remaining Task Force members. Subsequently, the Nominating Committee members reviewed the applications individually and met three times between January and March of 2016 to discuss the applicants. The Committee ultimately selected the 10 self-nominees whom they felt would best complement the experience and diversity of the 15 Board appointees.

Task Force Nominees

<b>Supervisory District or Self-Nominee</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>
1	Tamika Butler	LA County Bike Coalition
1	Melinda Cordero	Vision y Compromiso
1	Herb Schultz	Eisner Pediatric and Family Medical Center
2	Manal Aboelata	Prevention Institute
2	Michael Cousineau	USC Keck School of Medicine
2	Mary Lee	PolicyLink
3	Chloe Blalock	Homeless Healthcare Los Angeles
3	Cathy Freidman	Peace Over Violence
3	Joan Ling	UCLA
4	Margaret Farwell Smith	Policy Council, LA County Office of Women's Health
4	Lauren Nakano	Beach Cities Health District
4	Elisa Nicholas	The Children's Clinic
5	Michelle Kiefer	Antelope Valley Partners for Health
5	Denise Miller	Glendale Adventist Medical Center
5	Ashlee Oh	Consultant
Self-Nominee	Mayra Alvarez	The Children's Partnership
Self-Nominee	Veronica Flores	Community Health Councils
Self-Nominee	Mark Glasscock	Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust
Self-Nominee	Nancy Halpern Ibrahim	Esperanza Community Housing
Self-Nominee	Virginia Lee	Urban Peace Institute
Self-Nominee	Jim Mangia	St. John's Well Child and Family Centers
Self-Nominee	Luis Pardo	Worksite Wellness LA
Self-Nominee	Maryjane Puffer	The LA Trust for Children's Health
Self-Nominee	Rosa Soto	LAC+USC Medical Center Foundation Wellness Center
Self-Nominee	Sonya Young Aadam	California Black Women's Health Project

DPH will proceed with convening the first meeting of the Task Force members in May 2016, unless instructed otherwise by your Board. If you have any questions or need additional information, please let me know.

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c: Chief Executive Office  
County Counsel  
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors  
Director, Health Agency